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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

KERSEY RECIPIENT OF LIVINGSTON C. LORD SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLESTON, IL--Mary Kersey, daughter of Thomas and Susan Kersey of Mattoon and granddaughter of Richard and Lavergne Simmering of Shelbyville, was among six Eastern Illinois University students presented with a Livingston C. Lord Scholarship at the university's recent spring commencement ceremony.

The Lord Scholarship, the highest scholastic honor bestowed upon an undergraduate student, was established by the EIU Alumni Association in memory of Eastern's first president, who served from 1899 until 1933. Awards are made annually to juniors or seniors who have demonstrated superior academic achievement.

In addition to a significant monetary award, scholarship recipients each received a gold medallion and a certificate.

Kersey was recently initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary education fraternity. She is also the recipient of Eastern Illinois University's Raymond L. Modesitt Math Scholarship.

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LORD SCHOLARSHIP

The Modesitt scholarship is presented annually to a junior or senior mathematics major at Eastern.

A 1991 graduate of Mattoon High School, Kersey is a senior mathematics education major at Eastern.

Eastern is a residential university with an enrollment of 10,700 on-campus students. The university has as its highest priority teaching in its classrooms and laboratories complemented by strong academic support services.